# Tennessee Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges Year-End Summary Report Based On Number of Reported Cases January - December 2001

Juvenile Court TENNESSEE
Court Number TOTAL

January - December 2001 134,618 Cases Were Disposed Of Or Adjusted

Affecting 83,412 Children

General Characteristics Of These Cases Follow:

**Referral Reasons Before Amended Charges**Each Case May Include Up To 5 Referral Reasons
Therefore The Number Of Total Referral Reasons, Referral Sources, Intake Actions, Formal/Informal Actions,
And Person Executing The Action May Be Greater Than The Total Number of Cases

17	OR	0.01% Criminal Homicide
26	OR	0.02% 1st Degree Murder
11	OR	0.01% 2nd Degree Murder
19	OR	0.01% Aggravated Rape
278	OR	0.17% Rape of a Child
8	OR	0.00% Aggravated Vehicular Homicide
32	OR	0.02% Esp. Aggravated Robbery
15	OR	0.01% Esp. Aggravated Kidnapping
326	OR	0.20% Aggravated Robbery
25	OR	0.02% Aggravated Kidnapping
15	OR	0.01% Aggravated Child Abuse/Neglect
128	OR	0.08% Aggravated Sexual Battery
68	OR	0.04% Rape
2	OR	0.00% Voluntary Manslaughter
7	OR	0.00% Vehicular Homicide
8	OR	0.00% Sexual Abuse of a Child
339	OR	0.21% Other Sexual Offenses
1,315	OR	0.82% Aggravated Assault
151	OR	0.09% Robbery
3	OR	0.00% Criminally Negligent Homicide
43	OR	0.03% Attempt to Commit a Crime Against Person
6,647	OR	4.14% Assault
525	OR	0.33% Reckless Endangerment
29	OR	0.02% Aggravated Arson
130	OR	0.08% Arson
1,140	OR	0.71% Aggravated Burglary
9,250	OR	5.76% Theft of Property
3,158	OR	1.97% Vandalism
281	OR	0.17% Forgery
63	OR	0.04% Worthless Checks
103	OR	0.06% Illegal Possession/Fraudulent Use of Credit/Debit Cards
1,624	OR	1.01% Burglary
388	OR	0.24% Unauthorized use of a Vehicle
26	OR	0.02% Cruelty to Animals

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719	OR	0.45% Sale of Controlled Substances
2,035	OR	1.27% Other Drug Offenses
4,035	OR	2.51% Possession of Controlled Substances
295	OR	0.18% Criminal Attempt
504	OR	0.31% Carrying Weapons on School Property
787	OR	0.49% Unlawful Carrying/Possession of a Weapon
1,162	OR	0.72% Evading Arrest
400	OR	0.25% Escape
375	OR	0.23% Driving Under Influence (DUI)
3,645	OR	2.27% Possession/Consumption of Alcohol
689	OR	0.43% Resisting Stop, Frisk, Halt, Arrest or Search
96	OR	0.06% Aggravated Criminal Trespass
397	OR	0.25% Harassment
170	OR	0.11% Failure to Appear
189	OR	0.12% Filing a False Police Report
416	OR	0.26% Criminal Impersonation
6,602	OR	4.11% Disorderly Conduct
2,087	OR	1.30% Criminal Trespass
745	OR	0.46% Public Intoxication
125	OR	0.08% Gambling
17,739	OR	11.05% Traffic
668	OR	0.42% Local Ordinances
127	OR	0.08% Violation of Wildlife Regulations
2,218	OR	1.38% Contempt of Court
5,741	OR	3.57% Violation of Probation
454	OR	0.28% Violation of Aftercare
5,333	OR	3.32% Unruly Behavior
9,063	OR	5.64% Truancy
4,971	OR	3.10% In-State Runaway
148	OR	0.09% Out-of-State Runaway
4,671	OR	2.91% Possession of Tobacco Products
1,802	OR	1.12% Violation of a Valid Court Order
3,577	OR	2.23% Violation of Curfew
89	OR	0.06% Sexually Abused Child
112	OR	0.07% Physically Abused Child
8,468	OR	5.27% Dependency/Neglect
879	OR	0.55% Termination of Parental Rights
38	OR	0.02% Violation of Pretrial Diversion
39	OR	0.02% Violation of Informal Adjustment
6,797	OR	4.23% Judicial Review
3,031	OR	1.89% Administrative Review
2,697	OR	1.68% Foster Care Review
8,115	OR	5.05% Custody
1,403	OR	0.87% Visitation
3,255	OR	2.03% Paternity/Legitimation
5,004	OR	3.12% Child Support
62	OR	0.04% Request for Medical Treatment
44	OR	0.03% Consent to Marry
12,375	OR	7.71% Other
160,593	OR	100.00% Total
	134,618	Cases, There Were 160,593 Referral Sc
al Source		

160,593 Referral Sources

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**Referral Source** 

76,034	OR	47.3% Were Referred By Law Enforcement
18,300	OR	11.4% Were Referred By Parents
10,394	OR	6.5% Were Referred By Relatives
429	OR	0.3% Were Referred By Self
13,620	OR	8.5% Were Referred By School
114	OR	0.1% Were Referred By CSA
11,790	OR	7.3% Were Referred By DCS
1,617	OR	1.0% Were Referred By Other State Departments
1,369	OR	0.9% Were Referred By District Attorney's Office
14,187	OR	8.8% Were Referred By Court Staff
1,788	OR	1.1% Were Referred By Social Agency
604	OR	0.4% Were Referred By Other Court
4,734	OR	2.9% Were Referred By Victim
396	OR	0.2% Were Referred By Child & Parent
272	OR	0.2% Were Referred By Hospital
170	OR	0.1% Were Unknown
 4,775	OR	3.0% Other
 160,593	OR	100.0% Total

Of the 134,618 Cases, There Were

160,593 Intake Actions

# **Intake Actions**

85,617	OR	53.3% Petition Filed
11,321	OR	7.0% Motion Filed
19,004	OR	11.8% Citation Processed
287	OR	0.2% Notification of Acknowledgement of Paternity Processed
10,281	OR	6.4% Scheduling of Judicial Review
965	OR	0.6% Scheduling of Administrative Review
850	OR	0.5% Scheduling of Foster Care Review
22,759	OR	14.2% Unknown
12	OR	0.0% Does Not Apply
9,497	OR	5.9% Other
160,593	OR	100.0% Total

Of The 134,618 Cases:

# **Type Of Detention**

3,753	OR	2.8% Non-Secure Placement
17,446	OR	13.0% Juvenile Detention Facility
146	OR	0.1% Jail - Complete Separation
18	OR	0.0% Jail - Partial Separation
30	OR	0.0% Jail - No Separation
83	OR	0.1% Psychiatric Hospital
5,177	OR	3.8% Unknown
106,395	OR	79.0% Does Not Apply
1,570	OR	1.2% Other
134,618	OR	100.0% Total

Placement After Secure Detention Hearing

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7,594 OR 5.6% Returned To Prior Living Arrangement

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14,219	OR	10.6% Juvenile Detention Facility
53	OR	0.0% Jail
186	OR	0.1% Shelter Facility/Group Home
110	OR	0.1% Foster Family
98	OR	0.1% Psychiatric Hospital
1,705	OR	1.3% Unknown
110,069	OR	81.8% Does Not Apply
584	OR	0.4% Other
134,618	OR	100.0% Total

During January - December 2001, Dispositions or Adjudications Affecting

83,412 Children

# Age of Child At Referral

18,991	OR	22.8% Birth Through Age 10
5,523	OR	6.6% Ages 11 Through 12
12,482	OR	15.0% Ages 13 Through 14
26,190	OR	31.4% Ages 15 Through 16
19,148	OR	23.0% Age 17 Through 18
342	OR	0.4% Age 19 And Over
736	OR	0.9% Unknown/Not Reported
83,412	OR	100.0% Total

# Sex of Child

49,529	OR	59.4% Male
32,055	OR	38.4% Female
1,828	OR	2.2% Unknown
83,412	OR	100.0% Total

#### Race of Child

51,960	OR	62.3% White
26,355	OR	31.6% African American
62	OR	0.1% Native American
338	OR	0.4% Asian
1,198	OR	1.4% Mixed Race
3,499	OR	4.2% Unknown
83,412	OR	100.0% Total

Of the 83,412 Children Referred

# Hispanic Origin

1,543 OR 1.8% Were Of Hispanic Origin

# **Living Arrangement of Child At Time of Referral**

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14,707	OR	17.6% Living With Both Biological Parents
1,068	OR	1.3% Living With Father And Stepmother
3.434	OR	4.1% Living With Mother And Stepfather

35,438	OR	42.5% Living With Mother
5,768	OR	6.9% Living With Father
8,791	OR	10.5% Living With Relatives
364	OR	0.4% Living With Adoptive Parents
2,007	OR	2.4% Living With Foster Family
852	OR	1.0% Living In A Group Home
424	OR	0.5% Living In A Residential Center
411	OR	0.5% Living In An Institution
517	OR	0.6% Living Independently
8,359	OR	10.0% Unknown
1,272	OR	1.5% Other
83,412	OR	100.0% Total

# **School Enrollment of Child**

	58,014	OR	69.6% Were Enrolled In School
	11,970	OR	14.4% Were Not Enrolled In School
_	13,428	OR	16.1% Unknown
-	83,412	OR	100.0% Total

# **Last Grade Completed By Child**

3,235	OR	3.9% Too Young For School
1,832	OR	2.2% Pre-School
757	OR	0.9% Finished Kindergarten
1,003	OR	1.2% Finished Grade 1
1,043	OR	1.3% Finished Grade 2
1,163	OR	1.4% Finished Grade 3
1,327	OR	1.6% Finished Grade 4
2,129	OR	2.6% Finished Grade 5
3,851	OR	4.6% Finished Grade 6
5,151	OR	6.2% Finished Grade 7
8,807	OR	10.6% Finished Grade 8
9,109	OR	10.9% Finished Grade 9
8,592	OR	10.3% Finished Grade 10
5,848	OR	7.0% Finished Grade 11
1,086	OR	1.3% Finished Grade 12
112	OR	0.1% Non-graded Special Education
525	OR	0.6% GED
232	OR	0.3% Graduated
845	OR	1.0% Never Been In School
26,765	OR	32.1% Unknown
83,412	OR	100.0% Total

# **Enrolled In Special Education**

3,872	OR	4.6% Were Enrolled In Special Education
49,721	OR	59.6% Not Enrolled In Special Education
29,819	OR	35.7% Unknown
83,412	OR	100.0% Total

The Following Are The 252,958 Specific **Case Outcomes** 

Each Case May Have Resulted In More Than One Outcome;

Therefore The Number Of Total Outcomes May Be Greater Than The Total Number Of Cases

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19,238 OR 7.61% Case Dismissed

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3,359 16,691 9,966 12,515 1,221 3,479 3,173 3,439 301 176 4,807 948 1,849 3,037 8 54 2 2,777 5,975 11,068 15,147 3,977 1,181 4,101 626 1,786 1,223 1,440 461 1,514 418 70 205 6,428 2,098 414 1,500 3,235 5,921	OR O	1.33% Case Retired or Nolle Prosequi 6.60% Warned/Counseled 3.94% Held Open For Review 4.95% Supervision/Probation To Juvenile Court 0.48% Probation To Parents 1.38% Referral To Another Entity For Supervision/Service 1.25% Referred For Mental Health Counseling 1.36% Referred For Alcohol and Drug Counseling 0.12% Referred To Alternative School 0.07% Referred To Defensive Driving School 0.37% Referred To Defensive Driving School 0.37% Referred To Juvenile Court Education-Based Program 1.20% Driver's License Held Informally 0.00% Voluntary Placement With DMHMR 0.02% Private Mental Health Placement 0.00% Private Mental Retardation Placement 1.10% Placement with City/County/Agency/Facility 2.36% Placement with Relative/Other Individual 4.38% Fine 5.99% Public Service 1.57% Restitution 0.47% Runaway Returned 1.62% No Contact Order 0.25% Injunction Other Than No Contact Order 0.71% House Arrest 0.48% Court Defined Curfew 0.57% Dismissed From Informal Adjustment 0.18% Dismissed From Pretrial Diversion 0.60% Released From Probation 0.17% Transferred To Adult Court 0.03% DMHMR Involuntary Commitment 0.08% DCS Commitment - Determinate 2.54% DCS Commitment - Determinate 2.54% DCS Commitment - Suspended 0.16% DCS Intensive Probation 0.59% Other Intensive Probation 0.59% Other Intensive Probation 0.59% Other Intensive Probation 0.59% Other Intensive Probation 0.234% Placed Under a Valid Court Order	
607	OR	0.24% Supervision By DCS	
1,274	OR	0.50% Transferred To Another Juvenile Court For Disposition	
779	OR	0.31% Parental Rights Terminated	
30	OR	0.01% Parental Rights Not Terminated	
489 27,999 496 2,022 7,568 3,268	OR OR OR OR OR	<ul> <li>0.19% Order of Reference To DCS</li> <li>11.07% Court Costs</li> <li>0.20% Foster Care Terminated</li> <li>0.80% Foster Care Continued</li> <li>2.99% Custody Changed</li> <li>1.29% Custody Unchanged</li> </ul>	TENNESSEE

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3,216	OR	1.27% Visitation Changed
498	OR	0.20% Visitation Unchanged
358	OR	0.14% Voluntary Acknowledgment of Paternity
1,517	OR	0.60% Paternity Determined/Child Legitimated
236	OR	0.09% Paternity Not Determined/Child Not Legitimated
4,123	OR	1.63% Child Support Granted
1,527	OR	0.60% Child Support Amended
60	OR	0.02% Child Support Denied
70	OR	0.03% Child Support Terminated
91	OR	0.04% Request For Medical Treatment Granted
3	OR	0.00% Request For Medical Treatment Denied
33	OR	0.01% Consent To Marry Granted
4	OR	0.00% Consent To Marry Denied
40,862	OR	16.15% Other
252,958	OR	100.00% Total

**Disposed By**Of the 160,593 Referral Reasons Disposed, There Were

82,157	OR	51.2% Disposed By The Judge
45,842	OR	28.5% Disposed By The Referee
24,755	OR	15.4% Disposed By The YSO
7,839	OR	4.9% Other
160,593	OR	100.0% Total

Of The 134,618 Cases Disposed,

Of the 154,010 Cases Disposed,			
The Action Used	To Dis	pose/Adjust Each Of The 160,593 Referral Reasons Was:	
20,434	OR	12.7% Dismissed	
5,526	OR	3.4% Retired or Nolle Prosequi	
44,485	OR	27.7% Complaint Substantiated Delinquent	
15,593	OR	9.7% Complaint Substantiated Status Offender	
6,189	OR	3.9% Complaint Substantiated Dependent/Neglected	
121	OR	0.1% Complaint Substantiated Abused	
15	OR	0.0% Complaint Substantiated Mentally III	
11,058	OR	6.9% Informal Adjustment	
6,934	OR	4.3% Pretrial Diversion	
392	OR	0.2% Transfer To Adult Court Hearing	
37	OR	0.0% Charges Cleared By Transfer To Adult Court	
22,572	OR	14.1% Special Proceeding	
5,687	OR	3.5% Review Concluded	
6,712	OR	4.2% Case Held Open	
14,838	OR	9.2% Other	
160,593	OR	100.0% Total	